

Appl. No. : 10/678,853
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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicant's representative, Katsuhiro Arai, initiated a telephone interview with Examiner Angela J. Martin on December 21, 2007.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Shiepe et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,166,382)

Proposed Amendments

None

Principle Arguments

Shiepe does not teach that a fuel is a liquid comprising a secondary alcohol.

Although Shiepe teaches a fuel electrode made of an alloy of platinum as merely one of 20 possible choices. In this genus-species situation, Figs. 4 and 5 of the instant application show unexpected results of using a platinum alloy which overcome the 102/103 rejection.

Results of Interview

The Examiner understood Applicant's arguments and will review a response in light of the above points.